

Group III, claims 20-25, drawn to methods of use and imaged articles, classified in class 427, subclass 152.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-16.

The Examiner has further indicated that if Group I is elected, the following election of species is also required.

The Examiner states that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- A. A single ink-receptive layer containing
 - 1. Poly(2-ethyl-2-oxazoline) (claim 2);
 - 2. A hydrolyzed copolymer of ethylene and vinyl acetate;
 - 3. Ethylene/methacrylic acid copolymers (claims 3 and 4); or
 - 4. Both poly(2-ethyl-2-oxazoline and ethylene/acrylic acid copolymer (claim 5).
- B. Multiple ink-receptive layers wherein the first layer contains
 - 1. Poly(2-ethyl-2-oxazoline);
 - 2. A hydrolyzed copolymer of ethylene and vinyl acetate; or
 - 3. Ethylene/acrylic acid copolymers or ethylene/methacrylic acid copolymers;

And the second layer contains

 - 4. Poly(2-ethyl-2-oxazoline);
 - 5. A hydrolyzed copolymer of ethylene and vinyl acetate; or

6. Ethylene/acrylic acid copolymers or ethylene/methacrylic acid copolymers; or

C. A tie layer, moisture barrier layer and a single ink-receptive layer containing

1. Poly(2-ethyl-2-oxazoline);
2. A hydrolyzed copolymer of ethylene and vinyl acetate; or
3. Ethylene/acrylic acid copolymers or ethylene/methacrylic acid copolymers.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, the species C-1 (a tie layer, moisture barrier layer, and single ink-receptive layer containing poly(2-ethyl-2-oxazoline)).

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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